**NDE NOTES**

**ESU 6**

**Rule 15**

* In February, the Commissioner asked us to develop a rule for the provision of services for ELL students in Nebraska.
* At this point, it contains the following general sections:
  + Identification of ELL students
  + Programs to meet their language needs
  + Exit criteria
  + Assessment and accommodations
  + Program Evaluation
* An Ad Hoc committee will be meeting in April to review the “internal” work to date and make suggestions.
* The State Board of Education must hold a hearing (probably in the Fall) before they formally approve it.
* Our goal is to have it completed by the end of the calendar year and to the Attorney General and Governor for review.

**ELL/Bilingual Certification**

* The Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE) approved revisions to the ESL Certification in early March.
* Instead of having separate undergraduate and graduate endorsements, the two are merged into one.
* When approved by the Governor, a minimum of 15 hours will be required:
  + Second Language Acquisition
  + Linguistics
  + Cross-cultural communication
  + Methods/curriculum design in English as a Second Language
  + Assessment and evaluation of ELL students
* NCTE also approved a new endorsements in Bilingual Education (currently offered only at UNO)
* Now must go to the Attorney General and Governor for final approval.

**ELDA**

* The Roster Review will be April 25 through May 6.
* The District Assessment Contact will be receiving an email from Measurement Inc. detailing the process.
  + Pay special attention for students missing from the roster and those who are on your roster in error.
* The District Assessment Contact will receive a CD with ELDA scores about July 1. Please contact this person if the CD has not been forwarded to you.

**CITW with ELLs**

* Just a reminder that there are now 23 certified Nebraska trainers in Classroom Instruction that Works with English Language Learners
* See the attached bios for the trainers.

**ELL Guidelines**

* We are in the process of reviewing the Nebraska ELL Guidelines (Standards)
* There may be minor revisions to the Guidelines; however, the main goal is to cross-walk them to the Nebraska reading/language arts standards.

**LEP/Poverty Plans**

* Submit date: For school year 2012-2013 is **October 15, 2011** (extend to Monday, Oct. 17).
* To be reviewed and approved by December 1st, 2011
* NDE contact for questions and support: TBD

**NeSA** [This might be a good discussion point. Would you mind sending comments to us based on the conversation?]

* Did your district/school use ELL accommodations?
* Did the district use the resources on approved accommodations, including the ELL accommodations power point?